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**WESTCOM assists with safety inspections of on-ice activities with the USCG Auxiliary, at Irondequoit Bay.**

**Welcome:**

**New N6 Information Systems.  
CDR Jeff Kline, Albany**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEBS Proficiency Training.

#### ALBANY/TROY

MAY 10, 24, 26

JUN 2, 8, 16

JUL 7, 11, 26

AUG 5, 7, 17

SEP 1, 10, 14

#### SYRACUSE/ERIE CANAL

MAY 10, 24, 26

JUN 2, 8, 16

JUL 7, 11, 26

AUG 5, 7, 17

SEP 1, 10, 14

#### ROCHESTER/BUFFALO

MAY 10, 24, 26

JUN 2, 8, 16

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#### VERPLANCK

FEB 18

MAR 24

APR 28

MAY 10, 24, 26

JUN 2, 8, 16

JUL 7, 11, 26

AUG 5, 6, 7, 17

SEP 1, 10, 14

OCT 6, 12

#### LONG ISLAND

MAY 10, 24, 26

JUN 2, 8, 16

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OCT 6, 12

NOV 3, 6

### Safe Boater Course, Bronx, 28 January

JRSOI Course, Latham, 27-29 March

Safe Boater Course, Rochester, March

Safe Boater Course, Syracuse, April

Safe Boater Course, Schenectady, April

Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course,  
Lake George, May

Homeland Response Force (HRF) Exercise Evaluation,  
Oriskany, May

Personnel Action Team TTX, Latham, May

Monroe County Full-scale Exercise, Rochester, May

JISCC Training, Locations TBD, Spring and Fall

## Commander's Corner



Proof of Concept

On 10 November 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Greg Dreisbach, N.Y. Army National Guard (pictured left) and Major General Wolf, Commander of the N.Y. Naval Militia, (pictured right) had the opportunity to take part in the Navy's MZ-3 airship test flight over the Port of New York. Trojan-Horse, the State University of New York Maritime College's Maritime Domain Private/Public Training and Security Entity in coordination with the New York State Naval Militia, coordinated the airship's capabilities concept to extend communication relay with both radios and video streaming. Historically Air Ships were utilized in World War II, our southern border, Greek Olympics, Iraq and Afghanistan and the Florida Straits and recently in support of Deepwater Horizon recovery efforts. Potential Sensor Suites include: Infra Red Camera, 3G Microwave and SATCOM data link, video to ground units and in this case with a New York Naval Militia patrol boat and a US Navy EOD dive boat. There is also communications relay, loud hailer, visible and IR spot lights, surface radar, SIGINT, radiation detection and sniper or gunshot detection (Huett, 2012). The MZ-3 should be considered for potential use by the Area Maritime Security Committee during real world events such as Fleet Week and the UN General Assembly missions. The beauty of the air ship is the low cost requirement for fuel and the 12-hour plus time on station. One of the Naval Militia's missions is to

develop in coordination with DMNA: naval doctrine, tactics, and equipment employed in the support of aid to civilian authority.

Reference: Huett, S., 2012. Airship Systems Engineering Team, NAVAIR 4.5.1,240-298-1894

### From the Enlisted Side.

As we enter the 2012 season, it is a good time to review the enlisted opportunities that exist in the New York Naval Militia for all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel.

While the NYNM is not a charitable organization, our charitable contributions are made every day by men and women in the NYNM who accept "unpaid orders" to train, patrol, protect and serve the residents of New York State. These are honorable commitments and services. In addition, those in "paid" order status in the security force detachment at Indian Point New York and other similar missions also perform honorable duty.

If you wish to get involved in other permitted NYNM missions, scroll down the Mission Essential Task List (METL), where you will find opportunities for everyone who desires to serve. [http://dmna.state.ny.us/forms/nynm\\_inst\\_3051.2.pdf](http://dmna.state.ny.us/forms/nynm_inst_3051.2.pdf)

Many of these essential tasks may be available in your area. (Contact your regional command or MGYSGT Green for information). Since the NYNM has budgetary constraints, a commitment to train under unpaid orders is a requirement.

The Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) is open for participation (E-7 and below) and only requires a commitment to train, attend classroom orientations, and participate in marine patrol activities. While not everyone may possess the desire or aptitude for the MEBS program, all are encouraged to try. Contact your regional MEBS coordinator for details and information.

The NYNM is a unique military organization that requires no dues, does not mandate Federal deployment, offers free training & educational benefits, encourages personal initiative and provides humanitarian emergency aid to the civilian sector. As a bonus,

you can enjoy the camaraderie with others in the NYNM along the way.

With our military presence in Iraq ending, many returning military personnel may look to military organizations like the NYNM to stay active and continue to serve. If you know of a returning sea service vet, encourage their enrollment and participation in the NYNM.

If you prefer to offer your services in a more personal way, your choices are infinite. From a trip to the airport to greet and thank a returning combat veteran, helping convert a home to accommodate a handicapped veteran in your area, visiting an injured vet in the hospital or helping to raise funds so an injured veteran and their family can get through these hard economic times. There are many "not for profit" organizations looking to assist returning veterans. These are personal choices and while most provide worthwhile and honorable services, the NYNM does not endorse outside organizations.

If we are to achieve these goals, we need to recruit and train. For those looking for leadership opportunities in the NYNM, it starts by raising your hand.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

## Headquarters News:

### Physical Exam Requirements:

If you are **NOT** a SELRES or VTU member of the USNR, USMCR, or USCGR, you are not getting an annual physical readiness certification through your federal reserve component. Therefore, you are required to get an annual physical examination done on your own and submit a copy to Headquarters, NYNM. NYNMFORMs 88 & 93 are the forms to take to your doctor. They can be found on the website.

If you are a SELRES or VTU member in good standing, no additional submission is required.

**DMNA Reg 10-1 and NYNMINST 1001.1 refer.**

**Recall News:** Periodically, the NY Naval Militia will conduct a recall exercise to ensure that we have the most current contact information for each member. It is important for us to know a member's current Reserve unit, rank, address, email, and phone information.

We are sensitive to Personally Identifiable Information (PII) issues. Information is held only by persons with a need to know. Generally, we are asking for updates to information that you provided in your initial application to the NY Naval Militia.

Normally, recall exercises are initiated at Headquarters and are disseminated using the NY-ALERT system. <http://www.nyalert.gov/>



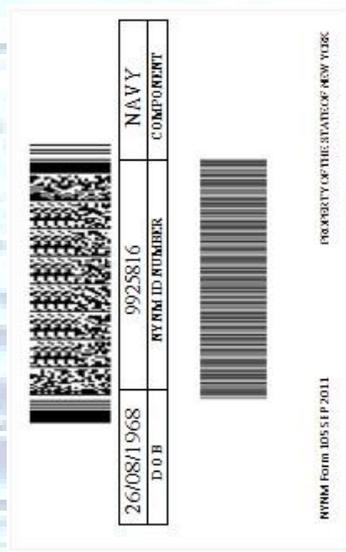
NY-ALERT is used by many agencies in New York State to make announcements. The Naval Militia uses this government system to rapidly reach out to members of the force for possible recall, emergency notification, and exercise purposes. When you receive a notification from NY-ALERT by phone or email, please follow the guidance provided.

**Identification Card Update:** 154 Naval Militia members were mobilized for Operation IRENE in August. Due to some obstacles that were found, it was relatively difficult to process Naval Militia members through the Joint Reception, Staging, Onward-movement, and Integration (JRSOI) system. Most personnel presented their federal CAC, which as a drilling Reservist was appropriate. Members who are not drilling Reservists, and thus do not have a CAC, should have a NYNM ID card (NYNM Form 105). Since Operation IRENE, we have updated the format of the card to work with the JRSOI system. If you have an old NYNM ID Card, it needs to be

replaced with a new one, even if you got yours only a few months ago. Here is what the new card looks like:



ID Card Front



ID Card Reverse

The barcode information on the ID card reverse contains all necessary information for a member to check in with the JRSOI. The mob site will be able to scan the barcode and quickly check a member in or out of duty.

If you have a federal CAC, you will not be issued a NYNM ID Card. Nor will NYNM ID Cards be issued to retired personnel.

## Recruiting:

We have recently received a number of applications to join the New York Naval Militia using old versions of the forms. The up-to-date versions were published in February 2010 and can be found on the website at <http://dmna.state.ny.us/nynm/naval.php?id=forms>. These new forms have required information including the Privacy Advisory Statement. Please, use the new forms.

When you talk with a fellow Reservist and convince them that the New York Naval Militia is right for them, make sure that you take credit for it. This is known as a “referral.” When three persons

join the Naval Militia based on your referral, you are eligible for the Recruiting Medal. Section 5 of the enlistment application (NYNMFORM 100) or commissioning application (NYNMFORM 101) is where you will have the applicant put your name for the record. Additional awards are available for additional referrals.



**DMNA REG 672-1**

## Public Affairs

In the limelight:



BG Michael Swezey, Commander 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command addresses Naval Militia members at NOSC Schoenectady on 4 December 2011. General Swezey thanked these members for their efforts during Operation IRENE in August. Photo by Master Sgt. Corinne Lombardo

## JISCC News:

**Joint Incident Site Communications Capability** is a communications bridge between first responders and other local, state, and federal agencies. Deployed in each state by the National Guard Bureau, the JISCC is

able to arrive at an incident site, providing global communications within 1 hour.



When disaster strikes, establishing “command and control” communications for first responders is critical. The Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) solution delivers high-bandwidth communications that can go anywhere – quickly.

JISCC features satellite IP connectivity and radio-frequency network interoperability. The system is easy to transport to any disaster area. Its terminals are a standard design and are interoperable with other U.S. Department of Defense network systems. In addition, JISCC includes a voice interoperability gateway, enabling first responders to use handheld radios to communicate with each other. This improves the situational awareness and cross-agency productivity that are crucial to disaster response efforts.

## UNIFORM NEWS:

**Uniform Shop:** Naval Militia State Active List members who are not drilling Reservists or retired now have the opportunity to buy uniform parts from the Navy Exchange Uniform Shop online. NEX has been provided with documentation authorizing our personnel to purchase required NYNM uniform parts, including the Navy Working Uniform Type I (Blue Digital).

**Blue Digital Mods:** The Navy Working Uniform Type I (Blue Digital) is modified for Naval Militia wear. For members not in the U.S. Navy, replace the U.S. NAVY nametape with N.Y. NAVAL MILITIA. Cover the

Anchor-Constitution-Eagle (ACE) embroidered on to the left pocket with the Naval Militia diamond patch.



*The ACE*



*The diamond patch to cover the ACE.*

If you are still in the U.S.N., this modification is not appropriate.

Diamond patches are available from Headquarters NYNM on a limited basis.

**JTFES and MEBS Boat Operations:** For Navy-component personnel, NWU Type I “Blue Digitals” are the Uniform of the Day when conducting boat training or operational events, including JTFES missions at Staten Island and Indian Point.

## Boat Service News:

**Winter Boat Maintenance:** The NY Naval Militia has made an agreement to use the Leeds Readiness Center for winter-time maintenance of vessels. The facility is heated and big enough to

accommodate our largest boats on trailers. Leeds is west of Catskill, off Thruway exit 21.



**Training:** There will be a NYS Safe Boater Course held in the Bronx on 28 January 2011. This course is free of charge and serves as the Basic course for MEBS. Sign up early by contacting HQ.

In an effort to improve the training program with MEBS, Area Coordinators have been established for five of the six Joint Operations Areas in New York State. The Area Coordinators will be setting up proficiency training events in their assigned areas during the boating season. In addition, they will keep track of training qualifications. The goal is to have a cadre of trained boat operators ready to respond to an increased level in the event that the Governor needs these resources. The upcoming events section list proposed training dates in each of the areas. These dates are placeholders and may be changed to accommodate individual training requirements.

**The Area Coordinators are:**

- JOA2 (Long Island): BM1 Bill Towart
- JOA3 (Lower Hudson Valley): YNC Mike Smith
- JOA4 (Upper Hudson/Champlain Valley):  
CSC Butch Hurlburt
- JOA5 (Central New York): MMC Mike Porter
- JOA6 (Western New York): EO1 Rick Stacy



*Petty Officers Chiappetta & Towart onboard PB 230, 13 OCT*



*PB 221 conducts training at Albany, 9 NOV*



*PB 300 on patrol at Indian Point, 8 DEC*

**MEBS ETHICS & STANDARDS:**

*We need to keep to the highest ethical and professional standards. We must be higher than the USN or USCG.*

*Boats, vehicles, and personnel must be kept clean and in good appearance.*

*Equipment must be cared for. We cannot afford to treat the boats and vehicles poorly since there are limited funds to repair them.*

*Report all broken equipment and deficiencies.*

*A reputation for being ethical and honorable is earned not by the things you do when someone is watching, but by your decisions and conduct exercised when no one is watching.*

## Education News:

The next eligible semester for RIRP education benefits is Fall, 2012. The deadline for submission of benefit applications is 15 August 2012.

## RECENT AWARDS

### New York State Military Commendation Medal

CDR Bill Kempner, Roslyn Heights  
YN1 Nichole Harewood, Queens  
YN1 Bernice Hans, West Coxsackie



## PROMOTION BOARD RESULTS

**The 2011 NY Naval Militia Promotion Board Results:**

**Effective 1 January 2012**

**ABH3 Bharath Bhola to ABH2, NYNM**

## Recent Retirees

The following personnel have recently retired from the New York Naval Militia:

### **“Fair Wind and Following Seas”**

COL David Peake, Jefferson

## TAPS

BMCM Eugene Culligan, Yonkers  
November 2011

### **Who’s Who in the NYNM BMC Joe Danaher**

BMC Danaher resides in Lindenhurst, N.Y. He is retired from the NYPD, and some of his past assignments included a tour in the 73 precinct in Brooklyn, NYPD SCUBA team as a Police Officer, Midtown South precinct Manhattan Traffic Task Force and Traffic Control Division as a Sergeant.

As of 2005, Chief Danaher serves as a United States Customs and Border Protection Officer at JFK Airport.



BMC Danaher has been with the United States Coast Guard Reserve for 20 years and has had duty stations at Coast Guard Cutter Dallas WHEC 716, Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook, Coast Guard Station New

York, Maritime Safety and Security Team 91106 as a tactical coxswain and, currently, Coast Guard Station Fire Island as the Reserve BMC.

Awards have included the Transportation 9-11 medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal 2X, Commandants letter of commendation 3X, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Special Operations ribbon 3X and Reserve Good Conduct Medal.

The Chief's greatest accomplishments? The Danaher children.

Chief Danaher is a NYNM coxswain and trainer with MEBS JOA2 on Long Island.

## JOINT OPS A SUCCESS WITH EXERCISE BONACKER

### AIR GUARD and NAVAL MILITIA WORK AS A TEAM.

On Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011, New York Air National Guard (NYANG) units of the 106th Rescue Wing combined with elements of the New York Naval Militia's Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) to participate in the first ever joint exercise of its type involving Air National Guard and Naval Militia assets. The exercise had been planned over a nine month period and was included under the Exercise Trojan Horse program that ran that week out of SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler.

The operation commenced in the vicinity of Shinnecock Bay, on the eastern end of Long Island. It included several scenarios that involved simulated rescues in the wake of a large tropical storm/hurricane. The first scenario included rescue of "critically injured" stranded civilians by helicopters from the 101st Rescue Squadron and rescue of "uninjured" civilians by a 23-foot patrol boat of the NYNM MEBS. Both modes of rescue included "triage and treatment" by Para-rescue men of the 103rd Rescue Squadron.

The second exercise involved a fire on a surface vessel a mile off the coast of the Hampton's famous beaches. Para rescue men were "helo-casted" into the water to rescue "survivors" and those too critical to be lifted out by hoist were transferred to the NYNM patrol boat.

CDR Bill Kempner, NYNM, Officer in Tactical Command of NYNM assets and architect of the exercise, joined Col. Tom Owens, Commander of the 106th Rescue Wing, and Col. Rex Reilly, Commander of the 106th Operations Group, in a small press conference prior to commencement of the exercise and spoke of the emphasis on joint operations in the state, particularly in these times of fis-



cal constraint and the need to be able to assist each other and serve as "force multipliers" in the event of a natural or civil disaster.

## MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Officers: WHY YOU SHOULD BELONG TO THE

### MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK (MANY)

As an Officer or a Warrant Officer in the New York Naval Militia you are an important part of the state's military forces. When you respond to any of the state's emergencies, you will be brought into a close working relationship with many other officers in the other state forces, the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the New York Guard. The Naval Militia does not operate in isolation by itself. There is a great opportunity to enrich your relationships with these forces and your professional knowledge by joining the Military Association of New York (MANY).

The mission of MANY is to represent the interests of its component forces to the legislative and executive branches of both state and federal government. MANY assists in the development of both the state and national defense forces and policies.

MANY objectives include working to instill a conscious understanding of the importance of New York Military Forces to National Defense and to National Security by

actively participating in projects of local, State and National interest; to promote the interests of the members of the various Armed Forces and the interests of the Armed Forces in the Association; to represent the membership's best interests by communicating positions on issues to elected officials at all government levels; to foster advancement of the professional and technical military skills of its members; and to cooperate with similar associations or agencies in performing any of the purposes for which the Association is formed.

MANY accomplishes these objectives by its support of its member forces activities with financial support, presentation of professional development activities and presenting positions and recommendations to decision makers at both State and Federal levels.

Joining MANY is as easy as going to its website, [www.militaryassociationofnewyork.org](http://www.militaryassociationofnewyork.org). There you will find the necessary means to join, pay dues, register for activities, learn the positions and recommendations of the association, contact its officers and leadership, and network with counterparts in the other state military forces.

As a professional in the NYNM and the military forces of the state and nation you should strive to maximize your professional knowledge and skills. With the understanding that everyone has limited time and assets and that the NYNM is one of the smaller components of the state military forces, it is still a bargain to participate. When you respond to state emergencies, your experience with MANY will prepare you to be a fully prepared leader in dealing with the other military components in the state.

## New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Jan-12	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	135	34	40	209
WARRANT	13	3	6	22
ENLISTED	1268	336	384	1988
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>2219</b>
NAVY	841	149	296	1286
MARINE	427	188	112	727
COAST GUARD	98	1	3	102
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	31	16	8	55
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST	19	19	11	49

### Football Game

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*Memorial Field—3 p.m.*  
**Saturday, Dec. 15**

**6TH SEPARATE DIVISION**  
**New York Naval Militia**  
 (Flushing and Whitestone)

—VS.—

**8TH SEPARATE DIVISION**  
**New York Naval Militia**  
 (Ossining)

Come Out and Support Your Local  
 Naval Militia Division

Admission 25c      Children 10c

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**N.Y. Naval Militia History**  
 Football Game announcement 1923  
 Naval Militia coat button ⇒



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The New York Naval Militia provides this information for the benefit of our members. The NYNM does not endorse any of the vendors' products:

### NAMETAPES

1800NAMETAPE.COM

1800NAMETAPE.com



### NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA LICENSE PLATES

<http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/military.htm>



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[bhmedals@aol.com](mailto:bhmedals@aol.com)

718-979-7103



### BALLCAPS

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<http://ariadnasfantasy.net/default.aspx>

\$12.99 Cap with  
letters & logo



### CAR STICKERS

\$2.00 each

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### BADGES

#### 2" Metal

Naval Militia  
Association

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### MILITARY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK



The Military Association of New York, Inc. (MANY), supports its members by promoting the military policies of the United States and State of New York. MANY assists the development of National and State defense through a professional, well trained and readily available organized State Militia. MANY is the oldest organized Military State Association in the country. Membership in MANY is open to all Officers and Warrant Officers in the four components of the New York Military Forces (New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard).

For further information, please go to the association website, below.

[www.militaryassociationofnewyork.org](http://www.militaryassociationofnewyork.org)

The State of New York thanks you for your service.



India Company 3/25 Marines, Buffalo  
2011 Naval Militia Unit of the Year  
MAJ Kevin Klosterman, Commanding